Statement-II

Total strength of employees in different categories in the Department of Telecommunications alongwith the vacancies arose /filled up during the last three years

Category	Total Strength as on 31st December			Vacancies arose during the year			Vacancies filled up during the year		
	1998	1999	2000	1998	1999	2000	1998	1999	2000
Group A	5952	6441	7347	1251	1018	1133	692	696	669
Group B	23443	23437	50514	4114	3043	2272	3016	640	741
Group C	278334	284867	265779						
Group D	112403	104324	92962						

Wrong digging of underground cables

1738. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether MTNL, Delhi has filed compensation cases against private companies and civic agencies which have damaged its underground cables in several areas of the capital;

(b) if so, whether due to wrong digging of underground cables a large number of telephones lines have become out of order;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the reasons of assigning underground cable job to private companies; and

(e) whether any supervision was done by MTNL and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Details are as follows:

(i) *Damaged by M/s Bharti Telenet Ltd.*

Area affected	No. of cable pairs damaged
Man Singh Road, Tilak Marg, Tilak Lane, CGO Complex, Janpath Road, Subramaniam Bharti Marg, Feroz Shah Road, Behind Paras Cinema, Purana Quila Road, Defence Colony, Lodhi Road, Shahjahan Road, Chanakyapuri Area, Connaught Place, MS Flats, Canning Road, Mathura Road, Bhagwan Dass Road, etc.	5232 (approx)

(ii) *Damaged by M/s Netware Infosys Pvt. Ltd.*

Area affected	No. of cable pairs damaged
Tolstoy Marg covered in the area of Connaught Place, Vandana Bldg., Himalaya House, American Centre, ECE House, New Delhi House, Ashoka Estate, Akashdeep Nirmal Tower, World Trade Centre, Jeevan Prakash, Scindia House etc.	5400 (approx)

(d) These companies have not been given cable laying job by MTNL. They are other licenced service providers.

(e) Yes, Sir. Supervision and patrolling of major cable routes is carried out in MTNL, Delhi but in most of these cases the digging by machines using trenchless technology was carried out by the agencies without intimation to the MTNL authorities.

Losses suffered by MTNL due to bogus exchanges

1739. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a few illegal telephone exchanges are running in the walled city of Delhi incurring huge loss to the MTNL;

(b) whether Government had unearthed any such illegal exchange in Delhi during the last three months and if so, the details thereof; and